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SUBJ: APPRECIATION OF SECRETARY'S EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST

1. WHEN DCM CALLED ON MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR BORCH MAY 30 ON OTHER BUSINESS, LATTER SAID THAT HE WAS "FULL OF ADMIRATION" FOR THE WORK THE SECRETARY HAD DONE IN BRINGING ABOUT A WITHDRAWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SYRIANS AND THE ISRAELIS. BORCH SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT ONLY THE SECRETARY COULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THIS MISSION SINCE IT NEEDED HIS PRESTIGE AND THE POWER AND INFLUENCE OF THE US. HE KNEW FROM HIS DAYS AT THE UN, BORCH ADDED, THAT THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM WAS CRITICAL, NOT ONLY AS CONCERNS THAT AREA BUT ALSO IN THE LARGER CONTEXT OF EAST/WEST RELATIONS. IT WAS, THEREFORE, "ABSOLUTELY RIGHT" THAT THE SECRETARY HAD DEVOTED HIS EFFORTS OVER SUCH A LONG PERIOD TO ENSURE AN AGREEMENT. BORCH WAS CRITICAL OF A RECENT RESTON ARTICLE WHICH HAD CHIDED THE SECRETARY FOR NEGLECTING HIS WASHINGTON DUTIES, SAYING THAT RESTON OBVIOUSLY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE OVERRIDING IMPORTANCE OF WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD ATTEMPTED AND ACHIEVED.

2. BORCH THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE "INVOLVED" THROUGH GROMYKO'S PRESENCE IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AREA; THIS CONTRIBUTED TO HIS FEELING OF CONFIDENCE THAT

THE AGREEMENT WOULD LAST.
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